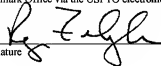


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 3, 2006

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In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2006, Applicant submits this response and respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

**Petition for Extension of Time**

Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including April 3, 2007. Applicant hereby authorizes and instructs the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account No. 02-0383 (matter 064552.0237) of Baker Botts L.L.P. in the amount of \$1,020.00 for the three-month extension of time. Applicant hereby authorizes the Patent and Trademark Office to charge deposit account number 02-0383 (matter 064552.0237) for any other charges necessary for the filing of this Response.